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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 09/874,056

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FOR: INSULIN RECEPTOR-RELATED RECEPTOR BINDING PROTEIN AND
UTILIZATION OF THE SAME

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1646

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: EXAMINER: MERTZ

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Official Action dated March 10, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I (Groups 1-6), Claims 1-10, for further prosecution. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, SEQ ID NO:4 as a Species. Claims 1-8 and 10-14 read on the elected species.

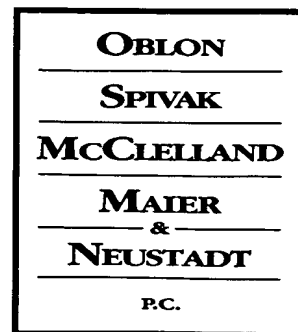
REMARKS

Based on the groupings provided by the Examiner, it appears that the present invention has been restricted into five Groups: Group I (called Groups 1-6); Group II (called Groups 7-12); Group III (called Groups 13-18); Group IV (called Groups 19-23); and Group V (called Groups 24-29). However, it appears that the "groups" within the macro groups, differ only on the basis of the identity of the amino acid sequence. Therefore, it is Applicants belief that the present action is a Restriction and Election of Species Requirement in which



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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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